

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

DRAFT Minutes of March 4, 2015 meeting

(Regular meeting on March 3 was adjourned to March 4 at the EO Smith Vo-Ag center.)

Members present: Al Cyr (chair), Shep Stearns, Ed. Hall, Kathleen Paterson, Vicky Wetherell, Jennifer Kaufman (staff).

Meeting was called to order at 6:10.

Vicky was appointed acting secretary.

Minutes of the February 3, 2015 meeting were approved.

Old Business

Mansfield Grown Brochure The brochure list has been updated, and it will be printed in a cooperative order with other towns to reduce the expense.

Agricultural Signs Kathleen reported on the Traffic Commission meeting where signs warning of agricultural activity on roads (tractor and cattle signs) were discussed. The Commission asked for a prioritized list of potential sign locations. Funding would have to be found for these and other types of agricultural signs, such as gateway signs at town entrances. The committee will discuss this at their May meeting.

New Business

Agenda for April 7 Meeting The committee's regular meeting on April 7 will be a regional agricultural commission meeting with surrounding towns at Mansfield Town Hall. The committee discussed an agenda that will include introductions, current projects of the towns and ideas for the group's regional collaboration. A regional application for a Farm viability Grant is possible.

The March 4 meeting was adjourned at 6:40. This meeting was followed by the Farmers Forum, which included a tour of the EO Smith Vo-Ag Center.

Next meeting is on April 7.